



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 ~ 7:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Chair Brad Marshall; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Barbara Holst, Michael Daffin, Carter Holston, Jonathan Andron; Alternates Larry Young, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Noel Wardrope

VISITORS:

STAFF: Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Matt Grubisich, City Council Liaison; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent

1. Chair Brad Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present. Larry Young appointed as a voting member.
2. Consider action to approve April 5, 2022 minutes.
 - A. Carter Holston made a motion to approve the minutes for April 5, 2022.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
4. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.

Matt Grubisich stated today is the last day for early voting and this Saturday is election day.
5. Follow up on the list of potential golf course projects and City Council's decision.
 - A. Repairs for the drainage at hole #6 was approved by City Council and the repair work has been completed. Larry Glick inquired about the drainage repair being done without an agreement for additional traps. Angela Smith explained the recommendation wasn't interpreted as such. Larry Glick noted disappointment because he thought this specific repair was contingent on AG agreeing to the additional bunkers. Brad Marshall asserted that this is one of the fastest projects to get completed and after all the rain last night it appears the drainage repair is successful. Matt Grubisich commented that the additional bunker idea isn't dead, but now isn't the right time for this type of project and right now the City funds need to be spent on infrastructure. Since the additional bunkers recommendation was declined it can be included on the future project list. The project ranking list will be sent to board members with the opportunity to rank projects again and this version will be included in the presentation for City Council.
 - B. Carter Holston stated the parking lot striping and parking lot lights projects are complete. Waterview staff has a quote on the bathroom repair project.
6. Operational and maintenance updates from Waterview staff to include an update on the status of the sand traps.

- A. Andy Bailey reported spraying for weed prevention occurs in early mornings. Staff is partnering with someone who has a PhD, Eric, with a focus on herbicide and will be able to test how chemicals mix to kill weeds and make necessary adjustments to spraying. He doesn't think the chemical fell apart and feels the weather was a contributing factor. Waterview Golf continues to wait for the 3 loads of new sand to be delivered. Once the sand arrives then another 3 loads will be ordered. The chipping bunker is closed to use sand to work on other bunkers. Plans are to sprig the nursery within the next 4 - 6 weeks and will close half of the driving range in June to try growing the tee back then focus on the other half. Turf density on the course is the best it has been in several years for this time of year. Will draw up a new plan for the turf next year that will hopefully improve the situation that what was dealt with this year. The prices of all material have increased which affects operations. Hiring of staff is in process. There are only 3 types of chemicals to use for treating the poa anna and surmise that golfers track the poa anna when walking to and from those areas. Timing of applications is critical and partnering with Eric will improve the process.
- B. Drew Sebata, assistant superintendent who is in training was introduced.
- C. Presently there is no plan for repairing the drainage on hole #14, although ideas for the repair were shared. The drainage works but it is slow. Drainage for hole #9 is collapsed and needs to be pumped. Hole #1 is holding water again has similar issue as hole #9. It is a long process to fix it short term. These issues can't be investigated further until there is more dry weather and less water in the pond.

7. Continue discussion on the joint meeting with City Council scheduled for May 17, 2022.

The presentation review and feedback provided. Members discussed budget requests.

8. Discuss customer feedback.

- A. Larry Young elaborated on the feedback heard from golfers on bunkers, greens, and drainage. He claimed his frustration is more with City operations rather than American Golf. Matt Grubisich recommends the AG contract components need to be reviewed with board members because there appears to be misinformation. It is important for board members to share the correct information with consumers.
- B. Michael Daffin mentioned the only complaint from new players he heard was about the poa anna on the course.
- C. Barbara Holst had contact with new golfers at Waterview and heard positive feedback.

9. Remediation Tree Plan subcommittee update.

Angela Smith reported the amount from ATMOS for the tree replacement is \$39,405.

10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

Brad Marshall indicated there are several areas needing aerification because the carts are impacting the soil. Seventy-five percent of the fairways are in good condition. The greens are still poor on hole #6, as well as the putting green. Appreciation for the layout and flow of this golf course was implied. In the last month or two, something has changed with players acknowledging the ropes, so this appears to have improved the situation with golf carts. Andy Bailey agreed, although believes the presence of the ambassadors is helping.

11. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

- A. Larry Glick played at Firewheel Old Course and Bridges Course during the Garland Education Foundation tournament that included many players. The fairways were lacking, the greens were okay, and the traps were in okay condition.

- B. Matt Grubisich played at Firewheel Old Course and concurs with L. Glick's description of the course.

12. No Public Announcements.

- A. Farmer's Market held downtown on Thursdays starting at 5:30pm.
- B. There is a City Council meeting this evening with still a focus on budget items.

13. Members of the Board or Commission requested topics for future agenda meetings.

- A. Carry over item: Update from American Golf.
- B. Carry over item: Update on Exhibit F revision recommendation.
- C. Review the AG contract components.
- D. Issue with dead Ash Trees on the golf course.

14. Adjourned at 8:23am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager